

Lauren McDonald

From: Lauren McDonald
Sent: Friday, 9 September 2022 03:38 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OIA/LGOIMA request - dog attack statistics
Attachments: Dog Attack OIA stats Sept 2022.pdf

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information received on 24 August 2022 (as below).

Please find attached a document that provides the following information:

- Total number of Registered Dogs, broken down annually and by quarter
- Total number of Dog Attacks, broken down annually and by quarter
- Total number of Dog Attacks, categorised as “person” or “other”, broken down annually and quarterly
- Total number of Prosecutions Taken, annually and by quarter
- Total number of Infringement Notices issued, annually and by quarter
- Total number of dangerous dogs
- Total number of menacing dogs

I advise that the information requested by you is not held in the format that you have asked for, i.e., we do not hold monthly data. We record our data on a quarterly basis, which is provided to you for the period from 1 July to 30 June each year. As such I advise that your request for monthly data is declined under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 - *that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research*. The provision of this information would require us to manually review each individual record to obtain monthly data.

With respect to question 4, the summary data we hold on dog attacks is in the categories of “other” or “person”. The possible interventions following a dog attack include:

- Muzzling order (not included in the overall statistics information)
- Infringements
- Dangerous dog classification
- Menacing dog classification
- Prosecution
- Seizure of the dog (not included in the statistics information)

In response to Q5 on possible consequences for the dog owner, I advise that your request for how many of each of the consequences were taken, annually and by month, and where there was no consequence, is declined under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 - *that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research*. The provision of this information would require us to manually check each individual dog attack record to obtain the data requested.

As we have declined to provide you with all the information requested, I advise that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ros MacGill, Compliance Solutions Manager, Customer and Regulatory Services

Ngā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]@rnz.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2022 1:42 pm

Subject: OIA/LGOIMA request - dog attack statistics

Kia ora,

I would like to request the following in copiable and searchable format, under the Official Information Act/LGOIMA. The period I would like information for is 1 Jan 2017 – 31 July 2022:

1. The number of registered dogs in your local authority, broken down annually and by month
2. The number of dog attacks on people council has recorded, broken down annually and by month
3. The number of dog attacks on people council has recorded, broken down by whichever way you categorise the severity of an attack, annually and by month
4. Among all the possible interventions on the attacking dog following an attack, please list how many of each of those interventions were taken, annually and by month (please also include for how many there was no intervention)
5. Among all the possible consequences for the dog owner following an attack, please list how many of each of those were taken, annually and by month (please also include for how many there was no consequence)

If you have any questions about what I'm after or need to clarify anything, please get in touch within 7 working days.

Ngā mihi

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Dog Attack Statistics from 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2022

	9 months to Mar-17	12 months to Jun-17		3 months to Sep-17	6 months to Dec-17	9 months to Mar-18	12 months to Jun-18
Number of:							
Total # Registered Dogs	17401	17250		16783	17304	17540	17465
Dog Attacks - other	102	137		43	88	134	176
Dog Attacks - Person	74	95		13	25	38	59
Total # Dog Attacks	176	232		56	113	172	235
Total # Infringement Notices	578	630		25	494	636	754
Total # Prosecutions Taken	0	0		2	2	2	2
Total # Dangerous Dogs	9	7		7	7	10	11
Total # Menacing Dogs	200	195		203	198	194	208

	3 months to Sep-18	6 months to Dec-18	9 months to Mar-19	12 months to Jun-19	3 months to Sep-19	6 months to Dec-19	9 months to Mar-20	12 months to Jun-20
Number of:								
Total # Registered Dogs	17081	17620	18031	18030	17643	18045	18500	18634
Dog Attacks - other	29	68	118	166	42	81	110	148
Dog Attacks - Person	8	18	39	52	10	31	46	58
Total # Dog Attacks	37	86	157	218	52	112	156	206
Total # Infringement Notices	23	429	541	632	45	443	547	565
Total # Prosecutions Taken	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	3
Total # Dangerous Dogs	9	10	9	9	10	11	11	12
Total # Menacing Dogs	197	196	202	201	200	193	199	201

	3 months to Sep-20	6 months to Dec-20	9 months to Mar-21	12 months to Jun-21	3 months to Sep-21	6 months to Dec-21	9 months to Mar-22	12 months to Jun-22
Number of:								
Total # Registered Dogs	17752	18191	18551	18467	17503	18355	18699	18609
Dog Attacks - other	36	82	118	146	44	79	107	137
Dog Attacks - Person	15	35	44	65	16	34	51	69
Total # Dog Attacks	51	117	162	211	60	113	158	206
Total # Infringement Notices	34	356	413	462	44	411	510	554
Total # Prosecutions Taken	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total # Dangerous Dogs	12	12	13	14	13	11	12	12
Total # Menacing Dogs	198	197	196	194	185	175	180	180